UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JEREMY SULTAN, : Civil Action No.:

Plaintiff,

v. : COMPLAINT

QUALITY ASSET RECOVERY, LLC, :

Defendant

Plaintiff, JEREMY SULTAN ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, M. Harvey Rephen & Associates, P.C. by Edward B. Geller, Esq., P.C., Of Counsel, as and for his Complaint against the Defendants QUALITY ASSET RECOVERY, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant"), respectfully sets forth, complains and alleges, upon information and belief, the following:

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief arising from the Defendant's violation(s) of §1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA").

PARTIES

- Plaintiff JEREMY SULTAN is a resident of the State of New Jersey,
 residing at 368 Highland Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740.
 - 3. Defendant QUALITY ASSET RECOVERY, LLC is a New Jersey limited

liability corporation with an address at 7 Foster Avenue, Suite 101, Gibbesboro, New Jersey 07107.

- 4. Plaintiff is "consumer" as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA under 15 USC §1692a(3).
- 5. The Defendant is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA under 15 USC §1692a (6).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to <u>28 USC §1331</u>, as well as <u>15 USC §1692</u> et seq. and <u>28 U.S.C. §2201</u>. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. §1367(a)</u>.
 - 7. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "7" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Defendant, on behalf of itself or a third-party, began efforts to collect an alleged consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Upon information and belief, and better known to the Defendant, the Defendant began its collection efforts and campaign of communications with the Plaintiff by mailing Plaintiff a notice.
 - 11. Defendant's notice was dated October 15, 2014 and identified Defendant

as a debt collector writing to collect a debt in the amount of \$94.65, referencing: "Facility Account # 1201447756."

- 12. A copy of Defendant's notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 13. On or about July 10, 2015, Plaintiff sent a check to Defendant in the amount of \$50.00 which check was dated July 31, 2015 and which check featured "FOR: 1201447756."
 - 14. A copy of Defendant's check is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 15. Defendant cashed and/or deposited Plaintiff's check dated July 31, 2015 on July 13, 2015.
- 16. A copy of Plaintiff's Wells Fargo Online check register evidencing "date posted" as July 13, 2015 is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Violations of the FDCPA)

- 17. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "16" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 18. 15 USC §1692 f (2) prohibits a debt collector to accept from any person a check or other payment instrument postdated by more than five days unless such person is notified in writing of the debt collector's intent to deposit such check or instrument not more than ten nor less than three business days prior to such deposit.
- 19. Defendant violates 15 USC §1692 f (2) by either misreading Plaintiff's check date in July of "31" as "13" or deliberately and intentionally disregarding Plaintiff's

check date and depositing Plaintiff's check over two weeks before the date of said check and failing to advise Plaintiff in writing of Defendant's intentions with respect to the deposit of said check.

20. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff has been damaged and is entitled to damages in accordance with the FDCPA.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

21. Plaintiff hereby respectfully requests a trial by jury for all claims and issues in its Complaint to which it is or may be entitled to a jury trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment from the Defendant as follows:

- A. For actual damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC §1692k (a) (1);
- B. For statutory damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC §1692(2)(A);
- C. For statutory damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC§1692k(2)(B);
- D. For attorneys' fees and costs provided and pursuant to15USC§1692(a) (3);
- E. A declaration that the Defendant's practices violated the FDCPA;
- F. For any such other and further relief, as well as further costs, expenses and disbursements of this action, as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated:

December 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. GELLER, ESQ. P.C.(EG9763)

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Attorney for the Plaintiff JEREMEY SULTAN

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(Via Prescribed Service)

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FIRST NOTICE

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EXHIBIT B & C



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